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Docket No. **JP920000239US2**

Prior Application: **09/950,465**

Inventor: **KAGAMI ET AL.**

Examiner: **NEGRON, D.L.**

Art Unit: **2651**

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
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Sir:

This is a request for a filing a        continuation  
                                   divisional

application under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. **09/950,465** filed on **September 10, 2001**, for **CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF HARD DISK CONTAMINATION**.

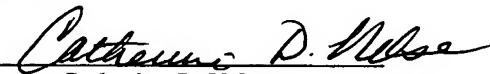
1.  Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or declaration as originally filed and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy.
2. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27  
   is enclosed  
   was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR §1.28(a)).
3.  The filing fee is calculated below:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

**37 CFR §1.10**

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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT NOW

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| Basic Fee                                      |   | \$770.00             |
| Extra Total Claims ( <u>0</u> x \$18.00)       | = | 00.00                |
| Extra Independent Claims ( <u>3</u> x \$86.00) | = | 258.00               |
| <br><b>Total Filing Fee</b>                    | = | <br><b>\$1028.00</b> |

4.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account **50-2587**. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
6.  Cancel in this application original claims 1-4 and 8-10 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: "This is a Division, of application serial no. 09/950,465, filed September 10, 2001, currently pending."
8.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Priority of application serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, in \_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial no. \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.
10.  The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation.
11.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to Andrew J. Dillon.
- a.  The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b.  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c.  Address all future communications to: **Antony P. Ng, Esq., Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., P.O. Box 969, Austin, TX 78767-0969**
12.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest-numbered original claim in the prior application.)
13.  I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. **09/950,465** as originally filed on **September 10, 2001**.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his or her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.



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